



I GOD I LOVE

PIONEERS FOR GOD

By Elva Horsman

Blaze out into the unknown,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Leave now the beaten paths,
And fear no loss!
Behold, the blood of martyrs—
Choose now their way;
Sleep not in dull contentment—
Forth to the fray!
See shining ever clear
The glow from yonder height,
The blazing glory of a cause,
The path of right!
Awaken, men of God!
Shun not the battle's strife!
Who dares to die to self,
But saves his life.
Behold, the hand of Christ
Is beckoning to thee;
Fear not to follow Him,
The cross is victory!

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier," 2 Tim. 2:4.

NOTICES

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates for the South Central District

A. V. Beaube, Assistant General Overseer

Louisiana	May 4-13
Arkansas	May 24-June 10
Colorado	June 8-10
Missouri	June 14-24
New Mexico	June 26-July 4
Oklahoma	July 6-15
Texas	July 16-22
Kansas	July 26-August 5

I am now in evangelistic work. Anyone wishing my services may contact me at 303 Walnut St., Lindale, Ga.—Lindsey F. Pratt.

I will be in the evangelistic work beginning about June 15, D. V. Anyone or church wanting my service may contact me at the address given below.—C. E. Chambliss, 4808 General Drive, New Orleans 17, La.

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Here is an opportunity for state overseers, Y.P.E. presidents, and

L.W.W.B.'s to raise some easy money for whatever purpose they wish, and at the same time be helping build a permanent shop for the Home that will be a blessing in years to come. These mottoes and calendars retail for 30c each, which will give the seller a good profit on the amount invested, as they come to you postpaid and the wholesale price quoted. Order as many as you wish and pay for them after sold.

At this time we are operating just about at full capacity and many, many other worthy applicants are having to wait their turn to enter the Home on account of no room. We are in need of a great expansion program, which has already been entered into, for just recently another fine and much-needed farm has been purchased on which there is a nice twelve-room house that will give room for around twenty boys, after some remodeling, which will bring it up to requirements, has been done. There is no need to say more. You know our needs, so come on with that help you delight in giving.—J. A. Muncy, Superintendent, Church of God Orphanage.

Great Revival

La FRANK, W. Va.—A revival has just closed here which was conducted by Evangelist Lillian Peacock. She also played the piano, and her husband played the electric guitar. Their good singing was a blessing to all.

The power of the Lord was manifested each night in many different ways. Sister Peacock preached the full gospel in power with the Holy Ghost anointing. Several were healed, and

the deaf was made to hear. Fourteen souls were saved one night. A total of twenty-seven were saved during the revival, and several are seeking the Holy Ghost. I think Sister Peacock and her husband would prove a blessing to any church as they are laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. May God bless them is our prayers in La Frank, West Virginia. We are looking forward to their return.—H. B. Jenkins, pastor.

The General Overseer Speaks

JOHN C. JERNIGAN

GO BUT TARRY

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke 24:49.

The disciples to whom Christ was speaking were the twelve apostles and possibly the majority of the seventy and a few women who had distinguished themselves by following Christ. The Lord had been preaching to and teaching them for about three years, they were therefore well instructed in the doctrine they were to preach and the work that He had called them to do. Their knowledge of the doctrine and work they were to do was indeed of much importance and they had spent many days acquiring this knowledge, but they had not been endued with power to preach the gospel which Christ considered very essential. He, therefore, sent them to Jerusalem to tarry until they had been baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The Bible sets forth especially two qualifications that must be complied with before one begins preaching the gospel. First, a good Christian experience which includes the baptism in the Holy Ghost, a deep consecration, and the dedication of one's life to the task; second, education in the Word of God and such studies as are necessary to enable a minister to present the message in an acceptable way.

Paul gave instructions to the ministry in his second letter to Timothy. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15. God approves men who study. We are instructed to study to show ourselves approved unto God that we may be able to rightly divide the Scriptures, that we might not be brought to shame before the public. Ministers who never study have but little to tell the people. In fact, he never has anything to tell them that they do not know. The minister of the

gospel should study until he is able to instruct in the deep mysteries of the gospel that will lead his congregation to a greater desire to know more about God and the deeper things pertaining to a Christian life.

There is danger of a young Christian getting in too big a hurry. The Lord's business requireth haste, but the young unqualified Christian workers must realize that they can be in a hurry preparing themselves for the work. A man might as well go out to plow without a plow and horse or some other power to pull the plow, as to go out without a knowledge of the Word, the manner of presentation, and power to deliver it to the people. The man who has no time for preparation is in too big a hurry and I doubt that God could use him to a very good advantage in his vineyard. Such a workman might cut down the wrong tree or clip off the most productive branch from the best tree in the Master's vineyard. The man who goes out to preach the gospel properly endued with power, trained, and equipped with knowledge and understanding, is like a trained and experienced engineer. He knows what to do when he gets there, otherwise he would be as likely to tear up as to build up.

A minister who was once preaching independently of any church, wrote a state overseer of the Church of God asking for license to preach. The overseer wrote him that it would be necessary for him to become a member of the Church before he could be granted license by the Church to preach, and advised that he go to the local church in the city where he lived and present himself for membership. The minister, who evidently did not believe in good order and government, replied that he, like the Apostle Paul, did not have time to confer with flesh and blood but must be preaching the gospel. This man was in too big a hurry to get started right and the last I heard of him he was still conducting prayer meeting with the same little crowd of less than a half dozen in his home town.

It is true that the Lord at the age

of twelve told His mother He must be about His Father's business, but that same day He went home with His mother and Joseph and, as far as we know, spent the next eighteen years with them before He began His active ministry. Young men and women often make the mistake of getting in too big a hurry. Zeal is a wonderful possession and without it a preacher would not have very much success, but zeal often needs a control. When allowed to run away with knowledge it becomes uncontrollable and dangerous, and if you will follow that character, somewhere down the line you will find a wreck.

A man and wife who lived in the State of Mississippi several years ago, were very zealous for the Lord and felt that they owed to Him a great sacrifice which they were willing to pay. They believed the Lord had called them to Africa to do missionary work among the natives. Independent of any church or mission board, they started to Africa afoot, catching rides as opportunity provided. Their plans were to go to New York and from there work their way across the ocean on a boat to the land to which they felt the Lord was leading them.

These two honest-hearted people got as far as Baltimore before they realized their mistake. I was living in Virginia when they knocked at my door and asked to spend the night in my home. Defeated in their purpose, under embarrassment and humiliation, they were trodding their way back home in Mississippi, to their friends and neighbors, to acknowledge their mistake.

The Lord said, "GO," but did not tell us how to travel. There are some things left for us to decide and the better methods of how to do them. It is immaterial with the Lord whether we fly in an airplane, sail on the sea, ride on the train, drive an automobile, bump along in an ox cart, or walk. The Lord is interested in those whom He has called getting there and being prepared for the task when they arrive.

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Federal Council Opposes Vatican Representative

The Federal Council of Churches has gone on record as unanimously opposing establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican. The Federal Council supposedly represents some 26,000,000 church members.

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Protestant Broadcasts from Rome

A weekly Sunday quarter-hour broadcast has been inaugurated and designated by Protestants. Broadcasts will be in Italian and exclusively for domestic listeners, according to RNS.

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Ordinations

The Church of England reported a drop from 300 ordinations in 1943 to 240 in 1944. There were only 101 ordinations during 1918 in World War I. The year 1938 showed a total of 590 ordinations.

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Divorce Increase

A total of 5,381 was reported as an all-time high for divorces in a single year in San Francisco for the year 1944, representing an increase of 23 per cent over 1943. War restlessness and hasty marriages were blamed. Regardless of the cause, the moral and spiritual effect are the same.

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Jews in Armed Forces

NEW YORK (JTA)—Disclosing that more than 500,000 Jews are in the American armed forces, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of the Veterans Affairs, told the annual convention dinner of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States that the Jewish people have played a great part in the present war. Archie Greenberg was re-elected National Commander.—*Calif. Jewish Voice*.

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Russian Policy

The march of the Russian armies through the Balkan States and Poland with a policy all their own and at a definite variance with her allies, presents an enigma, which can alone be solved by a deduction of the fact that Russia plans to operate independently after the war.

Planes and Missions

A school to train missionaries, ministers, and other religious workers has been opened by Rev. Paul C. Hartford near Winona Lake, Ind. The incorporate name will be "Victory Sky Pilots" and the first of its kind. The Missionary Alliance has previously used a plane in the Netherland Indies, and had plans under way last summer for extensive use of planes in their missionary work. Other groups are reported to have started to use planes in their northern mission work also.

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Freedom of Religion

Both Washington and London have been reporting favorably in their insistence of the right of religious freedom in postwar days. It is quite clear that there has been some relaxation of religious restraint in Russia; it nevertheless remains for the future to reveal whatever course that nation will pursue. We may hopefully join in prayer that there shall be in Russia, England, the United States, and the whole warring world, a great revival of gospel preaching and salvation through the blood of the cross of Christ.

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Going to Hell

The world has taken the brakes off and as a result is going to hell at a rapid rate of speed. It will be harder to preach the gospel after the war, because of increased political anti-christian teachings. The days of government under God through devoted Christians is being superseded by a political enigma which neither acknowledges nor makes room for God. The right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience is everywhere questioned. The right of free speech has superseded the right of worship, and infidelity is everywhere on the increase. The right of free speech which is increasingly anti-christian, is given emphasis and right-of-way over right of worship. Dreadful days lie ahead. The Atlantic Charter is seldom mentioned any more, with its "freedom of worship" clause. The Church is destined to suffer but also to reign. Matt. 16:18; 2 Tim. 2:12.

Foreign Missions

Dr. Emory Ross, secretary of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions of North America, stated that the disclosed expenditures for the year 1943, of 124 mission boards and affiliated societies, totaled \$19,437,538. Distributions were reported as follows in the various fields:

"Africa, \$1,858,526; North Africa and Near East, \$1,098,165; India, Burma, Ceylon, \$4,404,426; China, \$4,723,739; Korea, \$314,589; Japan or Far East, \$388,033; Philippines, Formosa, and Malay States, \$564,990; Latin America, \$3,509,527; European fields not designated, and miscellaneous expense, \$2,575,543."

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Religious Gatherings Asked To Wait

ODT from Washington has definitely classed religious gatherings among other public gatherings which are asked to limit their meetings to include not more than fifty persons. An application may be made to "a committee" as to eligibility of groups desiring to have conventions after Feb. 1. The Presbyterian Weekly interprets the Presbyterian General Assembly as not being a convention, but "the highest court of our communion and an integral part of our corporate life and testimony as Presbyterians under our constitution," therefore concluding that the Presbyterian Church is not affected by the government ruling. This view is also held by other religious leaders.

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The Holy Spirit: His Personality

BY A. V. BEAUBE

John 16:7, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

In the Christian world there are many teachings concerning the Holy Spirit. Some believe that He is the glorified Christ returned in another form or manifestation. Many believe that when they accepted Christ they received the Holy Spirit. Still another group think that "it" is just a holy influence that comes into the life of the Christian.

In the pages of the Church of God Evangel there have been printed many wonderful messages on this great subject, doctrinal, theological, and spiritual. It can not be hoped by this writer to give to the reader any "new thing," or to enlarge upon what has been said; however, there are many precious children of God joining our ranks monthly and many honest-hearted people into whose hand this paper falls, who have not heard so much about this great truth. It is our earnest prayer that the following statements may be a blessing to them, that by reading this article their spiritual lives may be enriched, and that they may have a greater knowledge of the third person of the Godhead, the blessed Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost is a spiritual being as much as is God the Father. In the Bible He is referred to in the MASCULINE GENDER. Since the day of Pentecost, He has been here on earth to guide the Church in preparing a people for the rapture, at which time He will present the bride to her Lord.

Now let us consider the text, John 16:7. We notice that the Master said, "It is expedient for you that I go away." Why was it advisable that He (Christ) go away? He sights the reason. "For if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." In other words, Jesus might have said,

"The time has come that I should be in heaven with my Father, and the third one of the Godhead is to take up His work with you. It is better for you that I go and send Him to you, for He is a spirit and He can be with all of you at one time. Now don't worry, He is a very able fellow. Let me tell you of some things He can do for you:

"I will send HIM unto you. And when He is come, HE WILL REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN," V. 8.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH," V. 13.

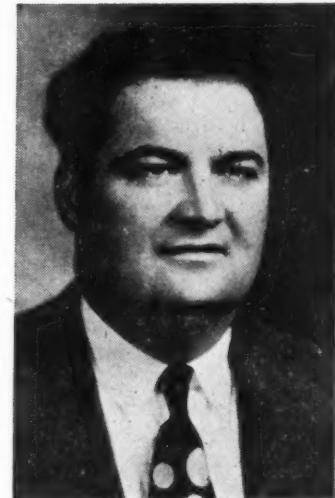
"HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF; BUT WHATSOEVER HE SHALL HEAR, THAT SHALL HE SPEAK." And what's more, "HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME," and "HE SHALL GLORIFY ME," V. 14.

Continuing, Jesus might have said, "Yes, He is my special friend; in fact, we have been working together through the ages, for the redemption of mankind. He will not be limited in resources, for 'HE SHALL RECEIVE OF MINE, AND SHALL SHEW IT UNTO YOU.'"

Now if you think He will be unable to help you, read V. 15, "All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." All that the Father has belongs to Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will have free access to what Jesus has and will take it and shew it unto you. Praise God! How rich is this great truth! There is no end to what the Holy Ghost can do for us if we receive Him and let Him guide us.

If after all of this the reader is inclined to be timid and can not accept Him as a real personal, spiritual being, get your Bible and read St. John, chapters fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen; underscore the following statements:

"I will send him unto you," V. 7. "He will reprove the world of sin," V. 8. "He will guide you into all truth," V. 13. "He will hear and speak," V. 13. "He



will teach you," Ch. 14, V. 26.

He is not the glorified Christ returning, for He said, "I will SEND HIM."

"IT" is not an influence, for He is very active in the Church. Acts 13:2, "THE HOLY GHOST SAID, SEPARATE ME BARNABAS AND SAUL, FOR THE WORK WHEREUNTO I HAVE CALLED THEM."

"IT" is not an influence, for He may be grieved (Eph. 4:30). An influence could not be grieved.

And again, "IT" is not an influence, for He may even be blasphemed against, and in the warning given by our Lord, He said that if one should blaspheme against the Holy Ghost there is no forgiveness in this world nor the one to come.

There is one conclusion: The Holy Ghost is a very real spiritual being and, according to the plan of God, He is to have the special work of guiding the Church through this the last period of God's grace to man.

Generally speaking, it seems that in the plan of redemption two members of the Godhead have been in heaven and the other one has worked among the inhabitants of this earth. While Christ was here on earth the Holy Spirit was with the Father, and little is said of Him. When the time had come for the Lord to return to heaven, He then promised to send the Holy Ghost. Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high." Luke records His

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The Relationship between Church and State

Sermon delivered by Rev. R. P. Johnson at East Chattanooga District Convention, in East Chattanooga church, 1943. Submitted by J. D. Bright, former State Overseer of Tennessee

The power that brings the Church into existence is the means of its agencies of operation to reach its goal according to Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Rom. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Rom. 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Then I reach the conclusion by reading these scriptures, by seeking to analyze them, that the power that brings the Church into existence is the power of the blood, the power of the Spirit of God, and the power of truth. The means of its guidance or direction of its operation and the agencies of it are so numerous that we couldn't name them all or cover them all.

The first agency in the Church of God is Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. The Holy Ghost would be the next one, who is here Himself to personally direct the Church. The others would be persons or selected men, who would be ministers, preachers, teachers, and exhorters. Then the means that God would have to control and guide the Church is set forth in 1 Cor. 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

He said He set government in the Church. The purpose of government is that of guidance, or control, as national government is to guide or direct or control national affairs or that

which pertains to national welfare.

Certainly the government is going to direct the affairs of the cities, towns, and on down and down. The purpose of government is that of guidance, therefore God Himself set within the Church this means of guidance. He sets the advantages there and the instrument is so beautiful. He, as our superior, is the Head of the Church Himself. Man takes up the mission of the Church, as well as the cause it carries, and purposes himself to a program. So then, with these preliminary remarks, it brings us to the goal of the Church, which is to see that the people are ready to meet Jesus in the air and to see humanity lifted above this distressed world.

Let us note the state, the democratic state, which came into existence through the church, by the church, and for the church. The church didn't come into existence through power of men but through eternal power. So it is that we can look and see that our national state came into existence. Did men just declare that this would happen and it did? No, it was through sacrifice, suffering, bloodshed, and death. To bring into existence our national government, both our religion and government knew it pointed to bloodshed. The Church of God points you to the blood of Jesus Christ; the United States, to the blood of the people.

In the board they declared what they believed, what they stood for, but it took blood to bring it into existence, so that shows there is a relationship between the two. It is too big for me. I have never studied government from a national standpoint.

Let us turn to some of the things that we hold sacred and dear, both nationally, from our country's standpoint, as well as the standpoint of

the Church of God. The Church of God taught, even before there was a United States, that people should be free to speak from their hearts. The Church of God opened its mouth wide and so came freedom for the Holy Ghost. No matter where you would go, where there is freedom of speech it is because Christianity has put its foot on that soil. There is no freedom of speech where there is no Christianity. We enjoy freedom of speech. We want to limit our speech to certain things.

Matt. 12:36, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Something else about our speeches: We must continue to enjoy them. We must live our speeches for the betterment of God's glory and the betterment of men—speeches that become sound doctrine.

We want freedom of speech and we stand for it—but the kind of speeches that bless humanity. There is a time for us to let our mouth fly open and a time to shut it and glorify God.

The constitution of the United States lets me speak about everybody, but the constitution of the Bible doesn't. It limits our speech, and if you love your country you would limit your speech to that that would be profitable, then say nothing—freedom of speech by speaking the things that would be profitable.

Then again, there is our right of freedom of worship. This we find in the Head of the Church as set forth when the devil came to Him and tempted Him. Matthew 4.

We notice John 4:23, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

In other places we find our Lord sets forth freedom of worship and we must be careful how we worship and what we worship. "In vain they do worship." They just take anything because they take the commandments of men for doctrine. We believe in freedom of speech and worship.

John 8:34-36, "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

We want to worship in the truth and in the spirit, but if you can't worship when the truth is spoken I don't care for your spirit. When we mention the blood we should say "thank God." I find that when we talk about the blood of Jesus Christ, in this kind of worship the government of the United States protects us, so we have freedom of worship. Why should our country stand for its four freedoms? You can't take away the freedom of worship without destroying the democratic way of life. Thank God for a country that stands for freedom of worship!

Freedom from want—that is a freedom that we should realize. The Church of God has always stood for that. If one suffers, all suffer. If one rejoices, all rejoice.

Col. 1:19, "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."

Rom. 8:31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

These scriptures bear out the fact that the Church of God should preach freedom from want. If the people will meet the condition there will be no want. We have a want when we don't need an ounce of it. Sometimes it may be that we are trying to get the Church to conform to what we want instead of that of the Almighty.

It was God's good will to see that Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden were fed. There was the good and luscious fruit. There was the promise of provision. If you want to fish, if you need fruit, you don't have to want if you just say what you want. Now, there was also the tree of knowledge of good and evil. That tree represents government. There is nothing wrong with the tree but every time you look upon that tree remember there is One above who is the beginning of government. Leave it alone to glorify Him. Leave it alone for I have everything that sets forth the Church of God. I render whatever humanity's nature needs.

I will recognize divine order. These light afflictions—they are working out for my good. The sorrows of today will bring joy tomorrow. Thanks be to God.

He said to let it alone. It is our terms of government. Have respect of God. He will take care of your needs. The Church of God stands for it. I hope to see the day when there will not be any needs. I hope to see Him in

the kingdom.

It is a good thing to set up a government and stand for it. Some things we can be denied. Paul was happy and independent in all his trials and afflictions, and counted them as joy.

The next freedom is freedom from war. We are not to let affliction overcome us for it is a good pleasure to us.

In Heb. 13:16 we find, "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

If I die, it will just be dying one time. Why should I fear what man should do to me? These fathers sacrificed, they feared God more than the stake, for though they were burned at the stake they knew that their souls couldn't be burned. They knew that the hope of God could never be done away with. They knew that no touch of man could be placed upon them and relieve them of the joy and peace they had. Hitler may soon get us, and if he does there will be hell on earth and there won't be many left in a hundred years from now.

I am just showing you that while our national government is working and sacrificing, and I am glad that they do include freedom of speech and freedom of worship, but here is where the relationship comes in—if it were not for the protection that democratic form of government has given we couldn't speak from this pulpit. We see the freedom we are enjoying and the Church is standing for and the government stands for. They meet in the blood of the Lord and they meet in me. They both are given for my good. Both work a few hardships on me but who wants to sit around? They will both work hardships but that isn't a sin. It doesn't bring sorrows and distress. Hardships haven't killed any one. You let a poor fellow sit around and he isn't worth a thing.

As we come again to the consideration of the protection of their meeting in me, those two great and mighty agencies, democratic government and the Church, we find that they function to the betterment of man—both of them. The Church's function is this. There are two things that go into the making of human happiness, that is, man's spiritual and material or physical betterment. Then, if you can get the first to work in a man, you will help to work the other out, but if you try to just work out the physical you won't be able to do much

with either one. You can make a man physically strong, you can have him almost perfectly strong, but if he is not spiritual he is not happy, and a man isn't happy until God lights his candle. Then the thing the Church builds up primarily is man's spiritual betterment. It uses for its instrument the truth. John 3:18, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Its first agency is dwelling with man. The truth of the Spirit is for the betterment of man. To know the truth and know when your life is controlled by the truth, that brings freedom, but the people who are all bogged down in all kinds of ologies, it is hard to get the truth to them, but once you do, they praise the Lord for the knowledge of the fact that other religions don't bring freedom. They get saved and sanctified, their bodies get healed, and they get the Holy Ghost. What a relief to get all that they should. Just let the truth of the Lord come in, and how free you feel. Knowing it, your face will begin shining and your heart shouting hallelujah.

The Church is primarily the means of getting you interested in finding the truth, setting the mind and the heart right with God, but it doesn't stop there. When the Lord said, "Whose is this image and superscription? Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's," He respected the Roman government, and how much more we should say, "Let me render unto the United States that which belongs to the United States, and unto God the things that are God's." Men will have the blessings of the Lord when their hearts and minds are set in relationship with God.

The United States is mostly Protestant Christians. Catholicism is a so-called Christianity and if it could, it would take hold of the government and crush out certain parts of humanity. Then if that is true, the democratic way of life is a coming-out from this. Democracy is a civil government of people who have come out of everything else, and the coming-out is both of God and you can't separate them. That that we are partaking of today was brought about by

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A TRIP TO THE INTERIOR OF QUICHE

(Continued from last week)

Last week I mentioned sleeping on some rafters one night at Chocorral and something crawled across my feet. It turned out to be a friendly cat which, possibly, the Lord had sent along to warm my feet. The next day the brother supplied a horse for Sister Pullin and myself. The rest of the believers were satisfied to go on foot. This was the fourth day from "la cabecera," and everything was going well. Sister Pullin is rather used to the traveling by now.

Down we went toward Soledad on our little mountain horses, thankful that it was not in the rainy season or we would have been plowing through mud knee-deep. We came to a coffee plantation and traveled through it for two miles and then entered the little farm of our Brother Miguel. We were still descending and it was becoming very hot. The coffee berries and bunches of bananas were hanging over our heads. Occasionally there was a bunch on the ground. Sister Pullin had a time keeping her horse from under the coffee trees. At last, we entered the pasture field on the slope of the mountain and the good brother came out to give us a welcome hug and escorted us into his ranch. His wife had a happy time in the Spirit greeting Sister Pullin on her land for the first time.

This place looks like a "jumping off" place, or the end of the world. It seems as though you can go no farther, but the people who know the mountains know where the people are and to them it is home. The hut sits on the side of the mountain on a rock and, brother, here is a building, a chapel in a rock and on another Rock, praise God. A spiritual building is in construction in this out-of-the-way place. Nearly fifty have received the baptism in the blessed Holy Ghost. People for miles around come to him (this brother) and he will keep and feed them just to get them to seek the Lord. From here we expect to move inland toward the Lacandonian In-

dians after our yearly conferences at Chuicaca, Totonicapan, and the visit from our Executive Mission Secretary, M. P. Cross.

Back to the little coffee farm of Soledad (Solitude). We arrived there Saturday evening, had a meeting which ran on until late, a morning prayer service, Sunday School in the afternoon, and a night service again. One received the baptism and the saints were encouraged and wanted us to stay for a longer time.

Perhaps some Evangel readers will recall reading Brother Litton's article in the Evangel about the young brother who was bitten by the venomous snake in Guatemala and was healed. Blood oozed from his mouth, nose, and eyes. The Indians said, "We'll quit work today and come to the funeral tomorrow." That boy is this man's son and was bitten twice on this farm by the same deadly snake. An Indian was bitten by the same kind of reptile and died in three hours. These simple mountain people know God and know how to pray.

Below the hut flows the same Chisoj River we left back at Sacapulas. It is now called the Black River

and it is on its way to the Mexican border. Along its banks grow cacao beans, rubber trees, rice, sugar cane, etc. The floor of the room where we had our meetings was literally covered with believers sleeping on the pine needles for a mattress. Wife and I had some kind of bed in the same room. Thank the Lord for a sleeping bag. I would advise every missionary to have one in his or her outfit, if possible.

After prayer on Monday morning, we started back up the mountain on the little beasts. This was the turning point of our trip. Dominga, the wife of the good brother and owner of the little farm, was the first to receive the baptism in this mountain district on our first visit to this place nearly four years ago.

We moved slowly up the valley in little groups, everybody chattering in the crowd, but all moving in harmony with the Lord. George (Jorge), one of the workers, happened across a friendly snake. No damage was done, only the scare for Jorge. In Chocorral they had a chicken dinner prepared for us. We returned the same way. People here get as hungry for beef as



Workers in Pinal, Department of Quiche

we do in the States for chicken. In other words, chicken meat is not a special meal for them. After lunch we had a service. Sister Pullin sang and Jorge played his guitar. We had prayer again and marched on, still using our brother's horses. On our way back we fill in the places we passed by on the way in. We came to Pinal, where we held a service. The floor was covered with pine needles and large banana leaves were laid across the beams and hung loosely down over our heads. Out in the yard were two large Aguacatae trees loaded with the poor man's butter, as alligator pears are sometimes called. The brother here was absent. He had been taken into military service at the outbreak of the recent revolution. He had appeared at the municipal quarters to register the birth of a child in his home but they took him as he was. He was still in service when we made this trip but his wife was on her feet and was delighted to have us. We had a good meeting here. Before leaving next morning, we had a workers' meeting and discussed the problems of the work and the construction of a little chapel which the brethren are anticipating building in the near future. Here we had to leave our horses but the brother and part of his family decided to come along with us.

In Chipaj we found the sister, who had been ill when we passed before, completely well, and, since we could not stop here, she tagged along behind with the rest. Sister Pullin helped Dona Maria along with a basket of fruit which some relative of hers had given her. Maria is the widow of one of the oldest workers of the district. It is her first trip into these parts and so we are trying to take care of her as she is also trying to look after us. We moved along toward Chicaman, where the car is stationed. Silverio is coming along with the pack mule and the rest are somewhere behind.

At about dusk the crowd began to gather on the municipal grounds, while others began to look around for a place to have a meeting. After locating a place, we had a cup of coffee and started the meeting. Everybody was willing to give his testimony and then Jorge preached. The street, as well as the room, was quite crowded. After the service, we took the women in the car to Uspantan where Sister Pullin and I had our two

benches again. The next afternoon we had a baptismal service here and immersed four candidates in the mountain river on the edge of the town. In the evening we celebrated the Lord's supper. Many stood on the outside during the service and listened to the Word and the hymns as they heralded out the name of the Lord. Vicente, the brother that has been in charge, was in bed when we passed through but was well again and playing the little portable organ, accompanying the hymns.

We left here for one more stop before returning to our base. This was the eighth day out and everybody is none the worse for a little hardship and denial for the dear Lord's sake.

In Cunen we had bread and coffee in the dining room—our car—and then drove over the Mother Range again. We were shut in one time in Cunen with our family for two days. The road builders purposely blasted the road before we could get by and one of our girls was ill at the time.

We drifted down the big mountain to Sacapulas where we joined the ones we had left behind, Jorge's wife and Norberto's family who had been praying for our trip. We had a wonderful meeting here that night. People were packed around the door on the outside. Several were healed, including Mrs. Giron, Jorge's young wife.

After the meeting we drove into our center, Quiche, some forty-two miles on the rocky roads of Guatemala, and arrived at midnight at our humble quarters here. Thus ended a full nine-day trip to the interior of the department of Quiche.

This may have become monotonous to the readers, and perhaps not too interesting, but it will give you some vague idea of our travel in these mountain districts and of the life of the poor people in these remote places.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—With Christ after the lost, Brother and Sister Pullin, Quiche, Guatemala, Central America.

P. S. The brother who was taken into military service from Pinal (mentioned above) has returned to his home with quite an experience. According to his testimony, soldiers fell all around him, he was thrown on his back by the concussion of blasts, his clothes were shattered by bullets, but his body was untouched—a literal ful-

fillment of Psalm 91.

*The girl that was ill when they were held up two days in Cunen, is working in the mission office at Headquarters, but is planning to return to Guatemala as a missionary.—*Mission Secretary.*

An Unsaved Soldier Interested in Missions

Following is a letter which I have just received from a soldier. I do not give the name or address as I suppose he would prefer not to have me do so. Please join us in prayer that God will save this young man and qualify him to be a real missionary since he is so much interested in the salvation of others when he himself is not as yet saved.

"Dear Brother Cross:

"Enclosed please find my check for \$44.27. Please place this in funds for foreign missions.

"I am a soldier in the United States Army and I realize I need the strength of the Lord very much. Please pray for me that God will be with me and that I shall soon be saved.

"Please pray much for me.

"Sincerely in the Lord Jesus."

My Two Little Girls Led Me

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo.—I feel led to tell what God has done for me. The Word of God says, "And a little child shall lead them." Praise the Lord, that is what happened to me. My two little girls, eleven and thirteen, were the ones who caused me to think of my lost condition. Brother Rhodes took them to church one night, but I refused to go. When they came home they said, "Oh, Mamma, the Lord saved us tonight." How sweet that sounds to me now, but at that time I tried to tell them that they were too young. Something seemed to tell me that my babies were trying to live for God, and "what are you doing?" God was pleading with me. I became convicted, threw my snuff box away, and went on my knees in prayer. He saved and sanctified my soul and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. That has been two years ago. I am now a member of the Church of God at Caruthersville. Pray for my unsaved husband and children and that I will ever be found working for my Lord.—Lela Carter.

TESTIMONIES

Others Realize What God Has Done

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for healing me of T. B. and heart trouble. I thank all for their good prayers and encouraging letters. May the Lord bless every one. A nephew from Detroit, whom I had not seen for some time, visited with me last week. He was amazed to find me in good health and living a different life. He said, "Aunt Maie, what has happened to you?" I told him that God had saved, sanctified, filled me with the Holy Ghost, and healed my body. I want my life to be a light to other souls. God forbid that we should put our lights under a bushel. It was the love of God manifested in others that won my soul to Him. This nephew realized that God had done the work for me, as the doctors had never been able to help me, and I was now living a sanctified life. Pray that I may ever be what God wants me to be.—Maie Lewis, Rt. 1.

My Faith Is Increased

NEWPORT, Tenn.—Dear Evangel reader, I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I feel good in my soul right now. I am so glad I am serving a God who can heal all our sicknesses. Brother Clark, I thank you for your book, *Marvelous Healings God Has Wrought Among Us*. It has been a great blessing to me. My faith has been increased and my body touched by the healing power of God. I was a nervous wreck and my head and eyes bothered me so much that I could hardly read. But thank the Lord there has been a great improvement since reading this wonderful book. I think it would be of great benefit to every child of God. Please pray for me.—Ruel Holt, Rt. 1, Box 90.

I Am Still Trusting Him

SALEM, S. C.—I praise the Lord for salvation and what He means to me now. I am a member of Cherry Hill Church of God. I was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church when it was set in order eleven years ago. I am still trusting Him. He heals me when I am sick and I am glad I can feel His good power right now. We have good serv-

ices and Sunday School. We are striving to do more each year. I don't think it will be long until Jesus will come and I wait to be doing what He would have me do. Will every child please help me pray for some unspoken requests? He understands all and nothing is impossible with Him. Pray that husband and I will stay humble and do His will, also pray for our son who is oversea.—Mrs. Minerva Burrell, Rt. 1.

God Can Control Fever Instantly

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—I am sounding a word of praise to our dear Jesus for His wonderful healing power. Our dear little baby was taken seriously ill with rheumatic fever. He was swollen so that I expected his little limbs to burst, whelps as large as my hand were on his body and in places his body looked as though it were blistered. He was delirious from high temperature. At times the suffering was so intense he would scream. The doctor said it would be a week before he could get the fever under control. I knew he was doing all he could but I knew if God did not undertake the little fellow could not stand it very much longer. As I laid him in my lap, expecting him to go into fits any moment, I began to call on God. I felt led to call for the saints, which I did. Praise God, He healed him instantly, even before the dear saints reached my home. They had prayed before they left the church and when they arrived the temperature was normal and the baby asleep. It had only been a few days since the doctor said it would be a week before he could begin to check the fever. But thank God, He brought it under control instantly. I want to praise Him forever. The baby slept soundly that night, so did the rest of the family. Thank God. We took him to town the next day for the doctor to check him over. He dismissed him, saying that his kidneys were clear and that he was well.

Please pray for me and that my home will be one that will please the Lord and that we may be in the services oftener. I thank all for their prayers, letters of encouragement and tracts. I love the dear old Church of God and its teachings. I give this testimony for the glory of God and pray that it will be a blessing to all.—Mrs. Maudie Bush, Rt. 3.

SOLDIER'S WEEKLY LETTER

HOW A SOLDIER HELPED HIS COMRADE

December 23, 1944

Dear Sir:

I received your most welcome letter and wish to state that it arrived a little too late for my Thanksgiving Day enjoyment, but I'm certain that the same expressions and sentiments hold true likewise for this Christmas, two days hence.

I would like to tell you of a little experience I had over here in helping a comrade of mine (whom we shall call Bill) find God. It seems that Bill was an agnostic, or a nonbeliever, and in spite of many invitations from numerous friends to attend church with them on Sunday, Bill declined. He had declined so many times that soon most of the boys tired of asking him any more. All tired of him but one. That one was I.

One Sunday not so long ago, as the boys in Bill's outfit were returning from a big drive up front, I called to him, "How goes it?" He replied, "It is tough." "Why don't you come with me today," I said, "and try to forget for a while what has been going on? I'm sure it would relieve you and make you feel so much better." "Oh, no," he said, "I know where you want to take me. It is to church. That place is not for tough guys like me, buddy. That is why you are back here and I am up there. They need men like me to win this . . . war." "How long will you be back?" I asked him, and he answered, "About three weeks." I told him I would try the next Sunday to persuade him to go with me and he continued to say it would do me no good. But I told him I could not give up hope, because I still thought that deep down inside of my big burly friend there was something bigger and better that would come to light once it was guided in the right direction.

I did not have long to wait nor did I have to ask. The following Sunday morning Bill's outfit was pulling out and Bill came to me and asked if I were going to church service. I replied that I was and he said, "Sergeant, I am going with you for today I am

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afraid." He did go and during the service I could see that he was very uneasy. Before services ended the pastor asked if anyone desired to say anything. My friend Bill hesitated momentarily and then rose and said, "This is my first attendance here or any place. I have never believed in a God. Today my outfit is going back to the front and I have had a queer feeling inside of me. Something told me I wasn't coming back this time and again something told me to look for Him. Finally, in desperation, I went to my friend and begged him to take me with him. He was more than willing to do so and here we are. I know that this day I have found Him. I have faith and I shall keep faith with Him." A prayer was offered for Bill's safe return and the services ended. A month later I saw Bill being evacuated to a field hospital. He had been seriously wounded. Joyously he clasped my hand and said, "I'm pulling through, Smitty. I've kept faith. God is my Savior and I shall be saved." He was saved. A few months later Bill returned home with a C.D.D. The other day he wrote me, "Keep faith, old man. You'll be home too." I know that my little bit of missionary work did do some good, for Bill has proven it to me.—Sgt. Freeman E. Smith.

PRAY FOR:

The Lord to heal my body, I think I might have a cancer; my children; God to heal Brother Marsh McGown.—Mrs. W. O. Tucker, Whittle, Ky.

The healing of my husband, he is in a very bad condition and the doctors have given him only a short time to live, he has a tumor on his brain.—Mrs. William Kolk, 3761 Aberdeen, Alton, Ill.

My wife to be healed, she has had flu, and there is something else wrong which keeps her from getting strong.—Rev. J. U. Nabors, Box 162, Houston, Miss.

The Lord to heal me of something like heart trouble and low blood pressure.—Rev. Willie Lyle, Box 1206, Charlottesville, Va.

The Lord to heal me of something like rheumatism.—Mollie L. Wilson, 1400 Wauston St., Paris, Tex.

My loved ones in the service of our country; the healing of my little boy's eyes.—Mrs. Ethel Roy, 411 Owen Ave., Bessemer, Ala.

The Lord to heal my body; my son overseas serving with Patton's Third Army, he needs the Lord.—Mrs. Linda Brown, 238 Hoitt, Knoxville 17, Tenn.

My son, H. G. McPherson, Rt. 4, Knoxville, Tenn., who was in a car wreck, his nose and left eye are burst. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Blue Ridge, Ga.

My husband in the Army who is going overseas; my brother-in-law in the Navy.—Mrs. Bethel Duck, 405 3rd Ave., Dalton, Ga.

The healing of my body of gall stones, kidney trouble and indigestion.—Sister Minnie Jackson, 203 N. 2nd St., West Helena, Ark.

My two sons overseas, one in Belgium and one in France; my other children.—Mrs. Lillie McCord, Rt. 1, Box 162, Mt. Creek, Ala.

The Lord to restore my health, also I have some kind of growth in my stomach but I know God can move it.—Mrs. Pearl Carson, Rt. 1, McLeansboro, Ill.

My healing, I have lost the use of my hand and arm; my companion to be healed of the cramps and other

ailments and brought back to God; my two sons; God to bless us with a church here.—Mrs. Sue Cushman, Rt. 2, Box 115, Leesville, S. C.

My mother who has been confined to her bed for a year to be healed, she is ninety-one years old.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Fla.

God to undertake for my daughter; her husband overseas.—Mrs. Virginia Adams, Easton, Md.

The healing of Ralph Hugendubler who was injured at his work, he is in the hospital.—Mrs. Ralph Hugendubler, 1344 E. Derry Rd., Palmyra, Pa.

My three sons in Service.—Mrs. J. E. Birchmore, 859 Tryon St., Columbia 12, S. C.

The healing of my body, I almost smother to death; my daughter, Nancie Begley, Walterville, Ky., who has very bad health.—Lue Larison, Box 22, West Bend, Ky.

My boy, Pvt. Ray B. Alford, who is seriously wounded in Germany; me.—Mrs. L. E. Alford, Rt. 2, Ponce de Leon, Fla.

My daddy, sister and brothers; my brother in France.—Vanetia Faye Carter, Caruthersville, Mo.

My son to be healed of stomach trouble; God to give my three-year-old child his speech; me to be healed of stomach trouble and a bad place on my gums; three special unspoken requests.—Euline Lee, Rt. 2, Box 151, Decatur, Ala.

The healing of my husband who has something like lung trouble, also bad kidneys, and he is very sick.—Mrs. L. L. Tipton, Globe, Ky.

Me to be healed of gall bladder trouble; the healing of my mother, sister and brother; my husband to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Mamie Braninan, R.F.D., Ridgeway, S. C.

My healing, I have a misplaced vertebra, which causes an infection to spread over my body; I have had this trouble for about six years.—Mrs. Janie Worsham, 117 Clarke St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

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Reports from the Field

God Wonderfully Blessing in Camp

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—God has given us a special blessing this month. Twenty-nine boys have been saved here in camp in ten nights, eight sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. I am now preaching some for Brother Thompson here in San Diego.

I would like to receive letters from people. Pray for me when you pray.—G. W. Campbell, E.N. 3/c, Industrial Command 101, U. S. Naval Repair Base, San Diego 36, Calif.

Report of Watch Night Service

ELECTRA, Tex.—I am happy to let every one know about the marvelous service we had Sunday night, December 31, 1944. A watch night service was not announced but the Lord began to bless in a miraculous way and every one obeyed His voice. By obedience one precious backslider was brought back into the fold. Three others were also reclaimed, I being one who obeyed the Lord and received a great blessing. I thank Him for such a wonderful service.

As the old year went and the new year came, with open hearts and lifted heads we all were singing, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

We are very proud of our church and expect to be a greater blessing in the new year of 1945. May the Lord bless every church as He has the one in Electra, Tex. We also thank the Lord for a radio program which we have each Sunday afternoon over station KVWC, from 5:00-5:30 o'clock, with our pastor, Rev. E. M. Smith, officiating.—Wanda Lee Dougherty.

The Devil Defeated

CALHOUN, Ga.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, how I would like to express my love to my dear Lord, for what I feel in my soul is joy unspeakable. I can tell the world that Jesus is the best friend I ever had. Many times when my heart is sad He comforts me. I am so glad He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

When we decided to build a parsonage at Sugar Valley the devil said it couldn't be done, but we finally got the material all ready but couldn't get

anyone to work on it. Just about this time our blessed pastor, Rev. Gordon W. Mize, felt led to give up the church at Sugar Valley and go to pastor another church. Finally, we got a dear old brother to begin on our parsonage but he couldn't do much with so little help. We thought he did fine though, for he got it partially built, but it did seem we would never get it finished. We owed over two hundred dollars; some seemed so discouraged, but a few of us kept holding on in prayer.

After the Assembly Brother A. W. Hall, of Kentucky, and his sweet wife and children came. He started singing, preaching, praying, and working, and every one seemed so encouraged and went to work, I think, for Brother Hall and family came the last of September and on New Year's Day we paid every penny we owed. The parsonage is all finished, except the back porch. I know it is all through the goodness of God. Now we are going to paint our parsonage and our church.

Everyone seems to love Brother and Sister Hall and we are so happy and thank God for answering our prayers. We are praying for a revival soon and request all to pray that many souls will be saved. I am so glad I can get the dear Evangel for it is food to my soul. I want to do more for my Lord than ever, for I am looking for Jesus soon. Please help me pray for my lost loved ones.—Mrs. Lela Davis, Rt. 1.

Three Cheers for Junior Boys' Class

Dear Evangel Readers, I take pleasure in writing a little article about our Sunday School work, especially our Junior Boys' Class, the ages run from about seven through fourteen, with Brother Albert Moore as their teacher. We thank the Lord for Brother Moore and the work he is doing in the boys' class. He came to Wilmington in November, 1941, and supervised the construction of our new church building for us. It is a nice building and we thank God for it all. He liked Wilmington so well that he built a home and stayed with us. He is one of the most industrious and energetic men I have ever seen. The Boys' Class raised \$95.60 for the month of November. Brother Moore has increased the attendance of this class from ten and twelve to thirty and thirty-five each

Sunday. We call these boys our workers, for if you want anything done, just call on them and their teacher, and they will go to work and get it done. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We are trying to practice this motto at Wilmington, in training the youth, for they are the men of tomorrow. We thank the Lord for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister V. D. Combs. They surely do have the Lord with them, and their lives are bright testimonies. We are glad for our church and the work it is doing here. Brother Albert Moore is a great builder and worker for God. We thank the Lord for him and his life. Wilmington is a spiritual filling station for the young and the old. Pray for our work to keep progressing for the Lord.—Sunday School secretary and treasurer, Miss Edna Gore.

Home-Coming Was Wonderful

CHERAW, S. C.—We are happy to report our home-coming at the Church of God here in Cheraw, S. C., November 12. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way, with power and glory. Sister Sarah Caison, of McColl, S. C., was one speaker. Sunday morning she surely delivered a good message. Then in the afternoon we had a great feast in the Lord.

There was an offering taken for repairing our church here. The Lord blessed; folks came up shouting and giving in the offering, the amount given being \$90. The service was wonderful from the beginning to the close.

We are glad Brother B. H. Hatcher, our pastor, and his wife are with us. He is humble and faithful in every effort in the upbuilding of the church. Pray much for us at Cheraw, S. C. We need your prayers.—Mrs. Bessie Rogers, 322 High St.

He Has Been Blessing in New Britain

NEW BRITAIN, Conn.—We are happy to report that the Lord has been blessing our work here in New Britain. An offering of \$50 was given to start a new work, from approximately thirty-three people, for which we thank the Lord.

Pray that God will continue to bless us and that souls will be born into the kingdom of God.—Irene Leedy and Izella Grove, 172 E. Main St.

A White Field in Oklahoma

DRUMRIGHT, Okla.—We are praising the Lord for the many blessings of life. We have been subscribers of the Evangel for twenty-eight years, and love it. We love the Church of God and are doing all we can for the progress of it. Just now we are erecting a church building here and the Lord has wonderfully supplied our needs for same. We have the cooperation of Brother L. L. Hughes, whom we believe is a man of God. There is truly a white field of labor in Oklahoma, but the laborers are few. Pray that we will ever know God's will and be a help to those who need help.—W. J. Herriman and wife, 313 S. Virginia Ave.

An Echo From Stanfield

STANFIELD, N. C.—We, the Church of God at Providence, North Carolina, are indeed thankful for our good pastor and his good wife, Brother and Sister C. A. Henson. We surely enjoy his soul-stirring messages. He is a real man of God and we appreciate the good work he is doing. The L.W.W.B. has purchased new curtains for the church. We thank the Lord for the work they are doing. We appreciate the president of our band, Sister Puah Huneycutt. She is a great worker for the Lord. Pray for us here, that the church will rise and shine for the Lord.—Mrs. Willie Efird, clerk.

Our Church Is Growing

SERGENT, Ky.—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise God for the way He is blessing at Thornton, Ky., this year. We are glad to have Brother Bee Day for our pastor. Brother Day and his wife are real people of God and have the work at heart.

We have bought and paid for a small parsonage this year, also bought our pastor a suit of clothes for Christmas and gave Sister Day \$20 to buy her a dress for Christmas.

Our church is growing in every department. We have a fine Sunday School and Y.P.E. Our young people are taking interest in our services. We are glad of our fine group of young people. We are a small band of saints but we mean to work for God and His Church.

We are getting along fine with our church program, have most of it already over the top for the year. Pray for us at Thornton, that our church

will grow and many souls will be made ready for the coming of the Lord.—Mrs. Belvia Back.

A Successful Revival

DOUGLAS, Ga.—We have just closed a successful revival conducted by Evangelist Charles Clayton. In every service souls would weep their way through to victory, the Holy Ghost would come down, and God's

people would rejoice and praise Him for the victory. There were twelve saved, five sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Clayton is a fine young preacher, with his whole heart in the work. Pray for the work at Douglas.—Pastor Joe E. Flowers.

The person who has a lying tongue has a deceitful heart.

WON NATIONAL BANNERS LAST YEAR



This is a picture of the state officials of Illinois that won the national banners for both the Sunday School and Y.P.E. work last year.

The state overseer, Rev. E. O. Kerce, is in the center. To his right is Rev. W. J. (Bill) Brown, Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent. They led Illinois to the exalted position of present possessor of both national banners and leader of all churches in Group C. The tall young man is Rev. E. H. Miles, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent for this year, whose motto is "Onward, Upward, and Forward to Greater Victories for Illinois in 1945."

This trio says, "Watch Illinois go by."

THE HOLY SPIRIT—HIS PERSONALITY

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last words before He left. Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Did the disciples believe and obey what their Master had said? The record is clear. Here it is. Acts 1:12-14, "Then returned they unto Jerusalem, from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

Glory, glory, glory, HALLELUJAH! According to the promise He came as they waited, praising and blessing the name of the Lord. Read it. It is here in the Bible, in the second chapter of the book of The Acts of the Apostles: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the SPIRIT gave them utterance."

Now, dear reader, these are the last days, in which the Holy Ghost is working to get the Church prepared for the coming of Jesus. (See the next article on the Holy Ghost—His Office Work.) Millions of the bloodwashed children of God have received Him into their hearts. He has become very real to them and has led them into the truth; made happy, victorious, overcoming Christians of them. Now they work for Him as they wait for the return of Jesus. Will you not open wide the door of your heart and let Him in? If you do, you will never be sorry.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE

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those who braved the stormy deep in the face of hindrances and dangers. They said, "We want to get to a country where we can establish freedom of worship, where we can worship God according to the dictates of our hearts, and if God is for us who can be against us?"

A sheriff is a minister in civil government. A minister ministers in spiritual things. God is author of both. The sheriff arrests a man. The minister says, "If you want to put him in jail, I will pray for him that he will escape hell." Both are needed, otherwise humanity would be distressed, so the relationship. If we have homes, schools, etc., it is because we have people. What do you look to for knowledge? If there are no people—no school. Why a factory? because of the people. Why this road to Memphis? For the people. Why have you a court house? Why have you this and the other? For the people. The cook stove is for the good of the people. To make a garden brings about the use of the stove—both at work for the good of the people. We go out and see them laying the sewerage. We are doing it for the good of the people, that the people might be healthy and sanitary. We see the cobbler making shoes. Then we look on something else—the educator. Where do these men meet? In the people. The educator is getting the people to understand the problems of life. If there were no people we wouldn't need one. Where does the Church of God get its members? Isn't it made up of people? Isn't the ministry of Church made up of people? Isn't the Sunday School made up of people? What would be the use of a code of laws if there were no people?

The national state of theocratic government is for the people, for the betterment of the people, spiritually and materially. If one has been born again, his mind and heart have been relieved. You can say, "I am not an infidel. I am not a heathen somewhere in the jungles. I have come to civilization because of the church and because of national and a social country. I can get in touch with my people because of its order and system." You don't see the medium of contacting loved ones in Africa as you do here. Why? Because you don't find the

church and the government you find here. But the Church of God can establish the political order that has been established in the city, state, and country.

These are great rights. How many of you want to give them up? I don't want to live in a country that I would have to fight the doctrine that protects God's people. I have hope that God will protect this nation, not because they are good but because they protect the ideals of God.

If I had to give up my freedom of speech I would just as soon give up my tongue, if there is no possibility of my speaking. And then, if I could speak and couldn't speak on the things of God, and if I had to speak the tongue of Tojo, I would rather go and speak the tongue of the angels of these glorious rights. The freedom of speech has been put down in Germany, and Japan, and another country, and so has freedom of worship. We have heard of how millions of Christians have died in the last generation, how in Japan and in Germany they have been put to death. No doubt, Brother Pitts has already gone the way of the martyrs. This freedom we are enjoying today is being threatened by strong determined forces, forces that would stop at nothing. I saw when the war broke out that they would stop at nothing, but would cause the people to groan and moan and die by the thousands and multiplied thousands. They would hoard us like we were a herd of cattle and if we opened our mouths they would strike.

If it were not that God was on our side, we would tremble. The only comfort I can get out of our precious boys' going, is that it is not because they hate any one but because they have so much here that they love. There is so much at home that I love. I love the thought of mother and father and would rather go and die than to rob them of that privilege that they love. I am not beating war drums. Our government has called them. Something rose up against our country, our homes, and schools, and against all that we love, and these are only grounds from which I can get any comfort.

But there are some things that we want the Church to know here. The government tells us, I have heard it with my own ears, that there is going to be a great shortage of nurses and doctors, and a number of hospitals

will be closed. What can your church find to do? Uncle Sam is straining his backbone. Let's hear the Church of God women say that they will help like they did before they had hospitals. When our boys have to leave, let's relieve them. Let's say to him, our son, "Don't you worry about your wife and baby. We will free her from want, and as long as we eat she eats, and if my baby gets shoes her baby gets shoes." The government calls you and your home calls for the Church, that they may know the conditions and needs of the people. Let's not let them go perishing around us. Let's not let the boy's mother suffer, and let the Church write him a letter of what was done. Save him from distress. He is trying to save us, so let's save him. We must meet in the Church. If the United States can't find the poor and castaway, the Church of God must find them, for Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which is lost. We will save these people for our church and for our country and when our boys come home and find the church that has taken care of the needy and afflicted, they will come back to the church that relieved them of their worries. The Church of God must do something.

I believe that if the United States is saved, it will be because of the Christians. I believe this is the best time that we can prove we are true Christians.

Sacred rights carried on in sacred responsibilities. I may be bond and slave, but I must preach and then divide these rights. I would be happy to slave as long as God lets me live, for the betterment of this country. I don't want to live if I can't live for the betterment of both the Church and country. I have to have such a feeling to live for the betterment of man. You know the reason this Church is prospering? There are some who are living for the betterment of our country. The officers are finding it out and appreciate it. The reason the churches are appreciated is because some have lost sight of self and have caught a vision.

The purpose of our national government is to protect and guide men in this physical life. Beyond this physical life it carries on to the next generation and on to the bosom of the scribes where we will praise and sing unto the Lord. The Church of God will sing, "I am ransomed." We can

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BAD WEIGHTS

Heb. 12:1, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." A good resolution!

The text says, "Let us run." Webster says "run" means to move swiftly. It's the opposite of creeping. In Lev. 11: 44 we are warned to not be defiled with any creeping thing. Well, there are many things that cause creeping, namely weights.

A truck can be overloaded till at times it does well to even creep up a hill or mountain. Heb. 4:11 says, "Let us labour." In Greek this means "Let us use speed." Well, in order to have speed, run, and win, I think we are very foolish to carry unnecessary weights.

Now just imagine seeing a fellow with big tags on him, each one representing a weight.

First is *indifference*. This is a terrible weight, that will soon pick up many more. Indifference is the big Achan. He's the one that does more damage than any other sin. In Matthew 11 we read where Christ met some folks that would not dance when

look down and see the blessed land, land of light. "Jesus, I can see war down there where I labored, where I suffered, and where I went on uncomplaining," and about that time the door will be opened. It is just about to become a reality. It seems to me that soon we are going to eat the fruit of the kingdom. Will you stand by? Will you not complain? Will you not murmur?

Such promises as "I will be with you all the way unto the end of the world," etc., are for us. I have been preaching that God's eyes are running to and fro on the earth and that Jesus died, and that I have a hope. I have been telling that I could feel His arm around me in the darkness. If I murmur or complain, I will show by that that I don't have that about which I preach. I must not murmur or complain, but say thank you for the Church of God, thank you, God, for the good U. S. A.

music was made, neither would they lament if one mourned. Regardless of what you said or did, they were untouched, unconcerned, filled with apathy. Like the very rude boy the teacher took to one side and gave a lecture on behavior, he looked and seemed to be listening, when all at once he said eagerly, "Teacher, it's your bottom jaw that moves, ain't it?" Indifference is a weight that will cleave to us unless we are very, very careful.

Second is *prayerlessness*. This is a terrible weight also, and one that is so easy for the devil to lay upon us. When we help the devil, he's most likely to win, AND WHY CHRISTIANS WILL HELP THE DEVIL I CAN'T UNDERSTAND. When Christians won't pray, they help the devil hold down the Church. They hinder the mission work, for we are commanded to pray for laborers to go to the ripe fields. I feel sure we would pray more if we could only realize how much the Lord wants us to pray. God is anxious for us to pray. The prayers of the upright are His delight. Once a fellow came up to my car (while I was playing records) and asked me to play "The Crush on the Highway." Well, many are crushing because they are squashy. Prayerlessness is the cause of it. Family feuds and fusses can be avoided by finding an altar early in the morning till our nerves are touched.

One little boy said, "Mamma, why is it when you are mean 'it's your nerves,' but when I am mean 'it's the devil in me?'" Little demons flourish and prosper greatly in a prayerless life. God forbid that I sin in ceasing to pray. Oh, that we would go to the Lord and unload this grievous and horrible weight of prayerlessness!

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